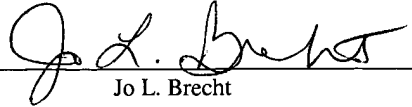




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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005 for which a three month extension request is being filed herewith to extend the period for response from March 8, 2006 to June 8, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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